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Industry

1. The labor force of the Georgi Dimitrov Factory, which now totals 1000, is being expanded. The factory produces agricultural machinery, including combines. The only entrance to the plant, which is surrounded on three sides by a barbed wire fence, is through a gate in the brick wall on Lipnik Boulevard.
2. The Vela Piskova textile plant has been greatly enlarged and now employs about 1000 workers. It consists of four or five single storied buildings which house departments for cotton impregnation and mercerization, and possibly spinning and a dyeing plant. There is a single chimney, higher than that of the Georgi Dimitrov factory.
3. The Dimitŭr Blagoev sugar refinery is located about five kilometers east of the center of town, near the Danube. It has its own small harbor where shipments of sugar beets are loaded and transported to the refinery by a cable car.
4. A vinegar factory and a yeast factory are located in the northeastern section of the town, near the river bank.
5. A bakelite plant, which produces parts for electrical appliances, is located in the vicinity of the power plant in the center of the town. It also has a branch, opened in 1954, near the Georgi Dimitrov Works.
6. The 9 Septemvri Tannery, which employs approximately 1000 workers, is located in the southwestern part of town near the Lom river.
7. The Fazan Stocking plant, which employs about 250 workers, occupies a three-story building in the southwestern area.

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8. The Dunavska Koprina Silk factory, which is also in the southwestern district, was enlarged and now employs approximately 400 workers. It has its own spinning mill and dyeing plant.
9. Construction of a cellulose factory near the sugar refinery is scheduled for completion in 1957. Its product will be used exclusively for the production of textiles.
10. In March 1955, the foundations of a new chemical combine at the end of Boulevard Vasil Kolarov were laid. The products of the factory will include edible oil, glycerine and soap.

Power

11. The old power plant in the center of town, which supplies 6,000 kw-hr, has remained unchanged since the war.
12. The Energovlak Power Plant, which is located about 50 meters from the municipal slaughterhouse, also has a capacity of 6,000 kw-hr. Generators in four or five railroad cars parked on tracks, purchased from the USSR, constitute the plant.
13. Additional power is brought in from Rumania through a transformer station near the Ruse Iztok railroad station, since the capacity of these two plants is insufficient for local needs.

Rails

14. The following three pre-war rail stations still exist in Ruse:
 - a. The central railroad station, which serves also as the Danube port;
 - b. The freight station, which is about 300-400 meters south of the central station; and
 - c. The Eastern (Ruse Iztok) Railroad station.
15. A new station, which will become the main station, is being built on the former site of the southern station. When construction of this building is completed, the other stations will be demolished, and the rail tracks along the river will be torn up.¹
16. In August-September 1954, a 3-4 kilometer length of track was constructed from the Stalin juncture to the Ruse-Giurgiu line.

Port

17. The port of Ruse has remained unchanged since the war. It consists of three or four pontoons about 30 meters long and about 20-30 meters apart, which serve as loading and unloading piers.
18. The winter port, which is located about 300-400 meters south of the port proper, harbors the entire Bulgarian Danube fleet during the winter. The breakwater of the winter harbor, which also serves as a loading and unloading pier, has three mobile cranes on rails.
19. The ferryboat, which has been idle since the completion of the Ruse-Giurgiu bridge, but is kept in readiness in case of emergency, has four pairs of railroad tracks with a capacity of 24 cars.

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20. The dockyards in Ruse, located south of the central railroad station in an area approximately 300 meters long, are engaged in the repair of ships and the construction of small vessels.

Change of Street Names

21. The following streets have been renamed:

<u>Old Name</u>	<u>New Name</u>
Turgovska	Slavyanska
Kniazhevskia	Dimitŭr Blagoev
Nikolaevska	Tolbukhin
Boulevard Aleksandur I	Boulevard Stalin
Boulevard Tsar Boris III	Boulevard Georgi Dimitrov
Dorostol	Vasil Kolarov
David	Ana Ventura
Kreposa	Panayot Khitov
Maria Luiza	Nayden Kirov
Boulevard Pridunavski	Boulevard Aleksandŭr Atanasov

Miscellaneous

22. A substantial number of new apartment buildings are being erected in Ruse, particularly on the Boulevard Georgi Dimitrov, Boulevard Stalin and Pliska Street.
23. There are two MTS (Mashinno-Traktorna Stantsiya; Machine Tractor Station) in Ruse, on the Boulevard Georgi Dimitrov and at the end of Boulevard Lipnik.
24. In the vicinity of the sugar refinery there is an oil refinery with ten to fifteen cisterns. Until mid-1954 the refinery was idle, while the cisterns served for the storage of refined oil imported from Rumania. Upon the discovery of oil in Bulgaria, the refinery became operative. The refinery, however, allegedly was inappropriate for Bulgarian oil and was closed in February 1955, and will possibly be dismantled. Bulgarian oil is currently being shipped to Rumanian and Soviet refineries, until a new Bulgarian refinery is constructed.
25. A naval unit and a small unit of the Frontier Troops are stationed in Ruse. The military barracks in the town are partly empty and are used for other purposes.
26. Security troops guard the approaches to the Ruse-Giurgiu bridge to prevent the entry of unauthorized persons into the restricted zone, which extends to a radius of two to three kilometers.
27. Among the two or three daily passenger trains that pass on the bridge is the evening Moscow-Prague-Sofia train.

1. Comment: Soviet specialists were now in Ruse working on the construction of a large railroad station there which will be the largest in Bulgaria and as large as the Vienna railroad station. The new railroad station will reportedly serve both military and economic requirements.

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